THE LIFESTYLE OF SEMINARIANS IN AND OUTSIDE THE SEMINARY

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ABSTRACT

That some seminarians keep to the rule of the seminary does not certify that the formation they receive enters. One can keep to the rule to run away from punishment and expulsion. The lifestyle of a seminarian in and outside the seminary should be unique. One can mostly define a seminarian by his spirituality, level of intellect and good morals. Their life outside the seminary is very important because people look up to them. The beauty of it all does not has its stem from the current disciplined life a seminarian depicts in the seminary. Rather it is the inner disposition of the seminarian. To explain more in details, this paper consists of the application of different philosophical method which includes; critical method, evaluation method, phenomenological method, hermeneutical method and prescriptive method. Using the critical method, this paper criticizes the current life of seminarians. It searches reasons for such life style, especially on the negative lifestyle of seminarians. Thus it invites the evaluation method which examines and issues out the significances or reasons for such life style. In the process of evaluation it uses phenomenological method and hermeneutical method to run its task of evaluation. This paper uses phenomenological method to tell more of the lifestyle of seminarians through experiences one must have encountered as a seminarian or with seminarians. Afterwards the hermeneutical method comes in to interpret the ideas from the experiences that give it a proper evaluation. The prescriptive method comes in to proffer solution to the criticisms from the evaluations obtained from the current lifestyle of seminarians. Applying these philosophical methods, a better definition of an ideal seminarian of the holy mother church will be depicted. Also through the aid of the prescriptive method this paper gives a more profound life of a seminarian worthy of emulation.